



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

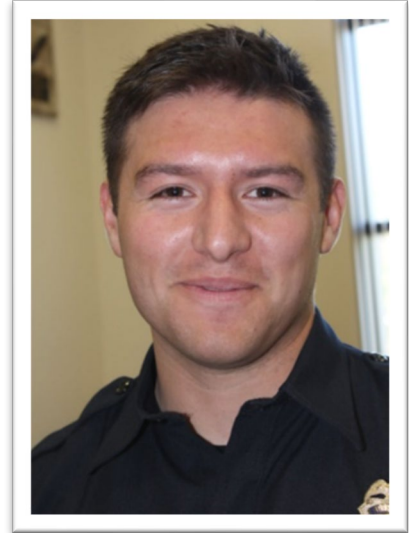
April 23, 2021

FIRE ACADEMY 21-01

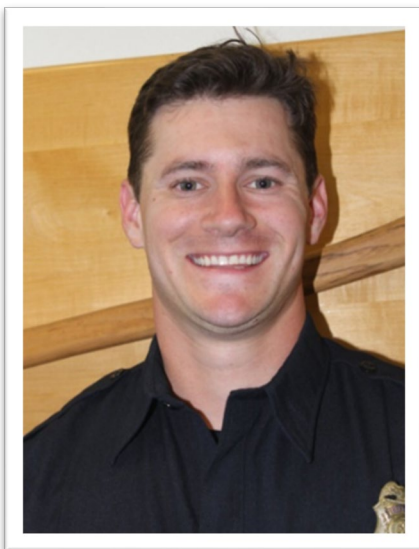
The Merced Fire Department recruited four new firefighters to their team. They are Diego Basulto, Joseph Conti, Kevin Pixley, and Daniel Timko. The four recruits stated that fire service is one of the best career choices that anyone can make.

The recruits began their four-week Fire Academy which is based on a para-military setting with stringent uniform and grooming standards, demanding intense physical fitness expectations, high academic standards, and a focus on professionalism.

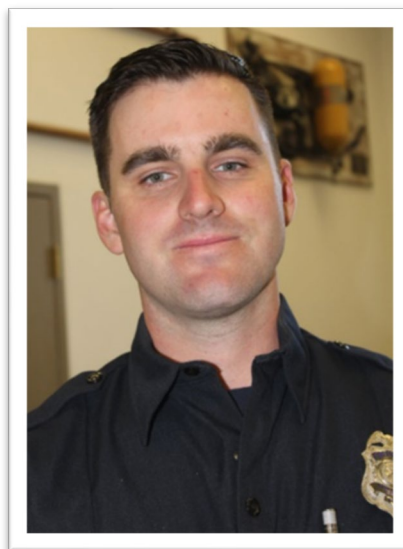
Please welcome our newest recruits!



DIEGO BASULTO



JOSEPH CONTI



KEVIN PIXLEY



DANIEL TIMKO

PHOTOS OF THE NEW FIREFIGHTERS IN TRAINING



INSPECTION SERVICES WELCOMES NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR

More locals join the City of Merced Inspection Services Team! Robert “Bobby” Baptista was born and raised in Merced. He started his new position as Building Inspector on Monday. Mr. Baptista brings with him 40 years of experience in the construction industry. He was a carpenter, construction superintendent, and everything in between. Bobby also has his ICC Residential Building Inspector certification.

The Inspection Services Division is pleased to have a new member on the team. Welcome, Bobby!



INSPECTION SERVICES BIWEEKLY REPORT

Please find attached, the Inspection Services Biweekly Report for the period of 4/5/21 – 4/18/21.

MERCED APPLGATE PARK ZOO

As the Zoo kicks off its Earth Day celebration, families will have the opportunity to partake in the festivities and navigate through the Zoo with a scavenger hunt in search of California native trees.

Saturday will be a greater opportunity to hear from the Plant Specialist as she shares information about the Venus Flytrap plants. Volunteers will also be present to hand out Earth Day swag, including educational information regarding plants.

The Zoo’s Earth Day celebration began on April 22nd and will continue through April 25th during regular Zoo hours.



TREE PRUNING CONTRACT

Contracted tree pruning services continue with West Coast Arborists crews working in the Silverado district this week.



ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP BY PW & MPD

This week, a large cleanup of approximately six camps was conducted near the Razzari Commercial Center and Bear Creek. This was a collaborated effort between the Public Works Refuse and Sewer crews, and DART. Approximately 20 tons of trash was removed from the encampments along the Union Pacific Railroad. Tuesday's cleanup involved 7 staff members, 2 rear-loader refuse trucks, and 1 tractor over a 3.5-hour period.

New Directions was present and attempted to offer housing but was ultimately rejected. After reviewing the map, Razzari was guided of where the property lines are located and advised they will make an effort to address any issues on their property line. This is just one area of many DART is monitoring.

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MPD AUTISM AWARENESS POP-UP EVENTS



In response to popular public requests, the Merced Police Department hosted several “pop-up” events this week as part of Autism Awareness Month.

The event locations included Bob Hart Square, Stephen Leonard Park, Richard Bernasconi Park, and the El Capitan Hotel.

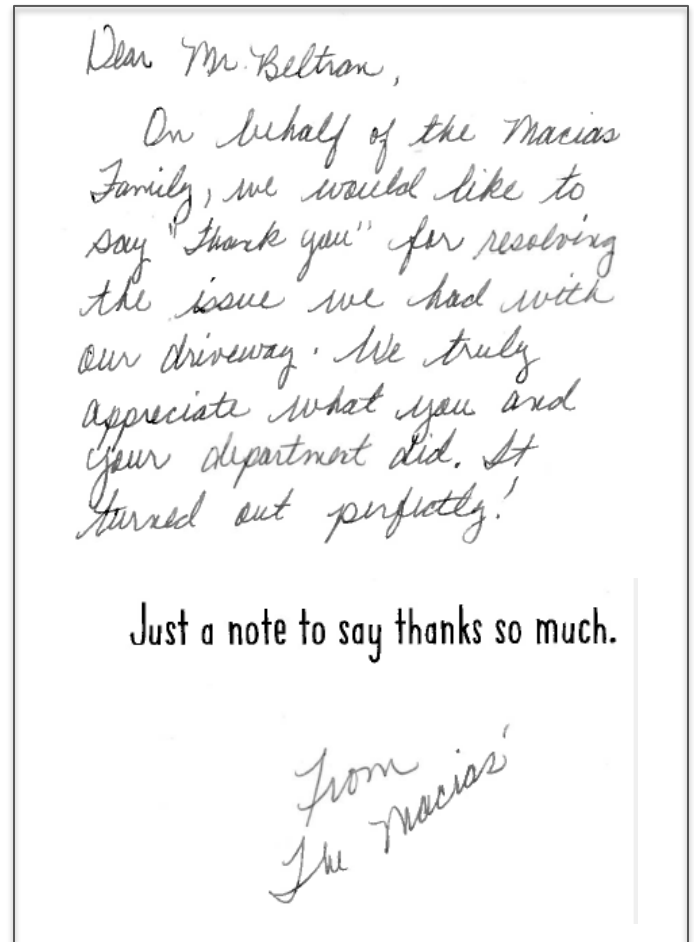
The Police Department will continue their awareness efforts through the end of the month.

ENGINEERING RECEIVES “THANK YOU” NOTE

City Engineer Michael Beltran shared a “thank you” note to his staff from a grateful citizen.

Mr. Beltran wrote via email, “I wanted to share a card that we received from the Macias Family. As some of you may or may not know, PGE did some work that effected the Macias driveway. They contacted the Engineering Department to come take a look and we agreed that the driveway was not replaced correctly. We informed the citizens that it would take time and most likely a few months. While they were not ecstatic about the timeframe, they appreciated that we as staff were responding to them. Staff went to work with PGE to find a solution. The issue has been corrected. I wanted to share this as we are a team, and everyone has some part in getting these types of issues squared away. Thank you for providing our citizens with great customer service and I appreciate all the work you do for the City.”

Great job, Engineering!



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - PROJECTS UPDATE

PROJECT #119006 – ALPINE DRIVE, G ST. TO WAINWRIGHT AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

TBS Contractors crew paved down Alpine Drive. This project is approximately 98% complete.



PROJECT #107033 – WATER WELL SITE #20

Clark Bros. Inc. set up a temporary irrigation system to allow grass seed to grow. This project is approximately 99% complete.



PROJECT #120008 – CRACK FILLING, PHASE 1 (16TH ST, “G” ST, OLIVE AVE)

Global Road Sealing, Inc., worked on Olive Avenue. This project is approximately 95% complete.



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1. 117020 - Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy 99 to Kibby Road
2. 119006 - Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements
3. 120008 - Crack Filling Phase 1 (16th, G St, Olive Ave)
4. 120010 - M Street Resurfacing 8th Street to 13th Street
5. N Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvements (awarded, construction to start soon)

PROJECTS IN DESIGN

1. Highway 59 Widening
2. Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
3. Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
4. V Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Road Improvement (95%)
5. R Street, 16th to 18th (70%)
6. B Street Improvements (40%)
7. G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%)
8. Orchard Avenue Sewer (40%)

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION MEMO

Please find attached, the Planning Commission Action Memo from the meeting of 4/21/21.

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Inspection Services CI

For the period of April 5th, 2021 through April 18th, 2021, there were 99 New Single-Family Dwelling Permits Issued.

The running total of New Single-Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **218**.

Multi Family Permits in review:

Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th St; 1 office/lounge and 6, 2 story apartments: 2 buildings have 16 units, 3 buildings have 30 units, and 1 building has 4 units for a total of 126 units.

Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.

There is a fire damage repair that is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.

There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period.

(No change from last report)

There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.

There was 1 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period; for a 10,500 SF occupancy change from a storage facility to a manufacturing facility at 154 Hawk Dr.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.

There were 2 new tenant improvement submittals during this period; one to combine 2 offices into one 6,968 SF office at 478 E. Yosemite. Ave. Ste D., and one to remodel 3,772 SF of offices for Berkshire Hathaway located at 2985 G St.

There were 0 CofOs issued for this period.

There were 26 CofOs for Single Family Dwellings during this period.

City of Merced
MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2021
TO: City Council
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Actions at the Planning Commission Meeting of April 21, 2021

At their meeting of April 21, 2021, the Planning Commission heard and found that Vacation #21-03 (to vacate the northern portion of the Arbor Walkway easement which would revert rights back to adjacent property owner of 534 W. Main Street) was consistent with the General Plan.

The Planning Commission tabled General Plan Amendment #21-01 [for a 4-plex on 4 separate parcels (for a total of 16 units), located at the west side of Q Street, directly south of West 6th Street]. A corrected public hearing notice was issued and the item will come back at the next meeting.

If you have any questions about this item, please feel free to contact me.

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